

The Board Meeting, which was held on April 5, 2016 at the East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Board President Siden.

## ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Doug Siden, President  
Beverly Lane, Vice President  
Dennis Waespi, Treasurer  
Diane Burgis, Secretary  
John Sutter  
Ayn Wieskamp  
Whitney Dotson

Directors Absent: None.

At this time, the Board of Directors met in **Closed Session** to discuss those items outlined on the agenda.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board President Siden.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Dr. Ana Alvarez, Debra Auker, Carol Victor, Carol Johnson, Erich Pfuehler, Mona Koh, Aaron Roth, Rob Lim, Mimi Waluch, Anne Kassebaum, Matt Graul, Liz Musbach, Mark Ragatz, Alicia Gonzales, Alan Love, Bob Nisbet, Bill Zenoni, Larry Tong, Julie Bondurant, Ren Bates, Chris Barton, Kelly Barrington, Jeff Rasmussen, Tim Anderson, Carolyn Jones, Sean Dougan, Lance Brede, Brian Holt, Michael McNally, Tiffany Margulici, Timothy Anderson

Guests: None.

## **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Director Dotson, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

Directors Present: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter,  
Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Absent: None.

## **B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

### I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

Directors Present: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter,  
Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of February 15, 2016 to March 6, 2016  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 070 (attached)

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of March 15, 2016

- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 071 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Execute a Consulting Services Contract with TranSystems Corporation for the Boat Launching Facility Improvements Project: Contra Loma Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 072 (attached)
- e. Authorization to Enter into a Five-year Special Use Agreement to Operate Model Trains with the Golden Gate Live Steamers, Inc.: Tilden Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 073 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Apply for Federal Grant Funds from the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 074 (attached)
- g. Authorization to Apply for Cal Trans Mitigation Funding for the McCosker Stream Restoration and Recreational Infrastructure Project: Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 075 (attached)

Director Sutter commented that he was glad to see staff is moving ahead on this project which has great potential.

- h. Acceptance of the East Bay Regional Park District Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2015  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 076 (attached)
- i. Approval of Accounting Adjustments to Reflect the Disposal of Two Fixed Assets with a Book Value Over \$25,000  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 077 (attached)
- j. Resolution to Consider Measure CC Extension in 2018  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 078 (attached)
- k. Resolution to Support the Nine County San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Ballot Measure AA  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 079 (attached)

Director Lane congratulated Director Sutter for his work on this project and suggested that work also be done on the areas adjacent to the bay. Director Sutter commented that there is support for this measure; adding that the benefit of this measure is that it will prevent damage to public property by doing restoration before a disaster.

- l. Resolution to Support Pending State Legislation AB 1665 (Bonilla)  
East Bay Transportation Measures  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 080 (attached)
- m. Resolution to Support Pending State Legislation AB 1680 (Rodriguez)  
Drone Interference Enforcement as a Reimbursable State-Mandate  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 081 (attached)
- n. Resolution to Support Pending State Legislation AB 2249 (Cooley)  
Protecting Historic California State Park Trademarks  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 082 (attached)
- o. Resolution to Support Pending State Legislation AB 2444 (Garcia)  
California Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor  
Access For All Act of 2016  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 083 (attached)

Director Siden asked for clarification. GM Doyle replied this AB 2444 is intended to replace 317. The District has been directly involved in drafting this bill. GM Doyle referenced Erich Pfoehler and Doug Houston's work on AB 2444.

- p. Resolution to Support Pending State Legislation SB 807 and SB 810  
(Gaines) Drones: Liability and Fire Protection Interference  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 084 (attached)
- q. Resolution to Support Pending State Legislation SB 1386 (Wolk)  
to Include Natural and Working Lands in Greenhouse Gas Reduction  
Efforts  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 085 (attached)

## 2. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

By motion of Director Sutter, and seconded by Director Dotson, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item C-2-a.

Directors Present: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter,  
Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Authorization to Execute Construction Contract with FOCON Inc.  
and Sole Source Purchase of Vault Restroom from CXT Incorporated  
for Trail and Staging Area Rehabilitation: Sibley/Huckleberry Botanic  
Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2016 – 04 – 086 (attached)

Jeff Rasmussen, Assistant Finance Officer, gave an overview of the timeline from the award of the grant in 2012 to final completion slated for 2017. Director Waespi who is in favor of this project asked if it is standard for the District to install security cameras. GM Doyle replied there is a standard throughout the District. Director Sutter asked Rasmussen to elaborate on what the rehabilitation of trails and staging area means. Rasmussen replied that trails and staging area rehabilitation includes trail repairs throughout both parks, interpretive sign replacements and the Huckleberry staging area.

Sutter asked if QR codes have been considered and will the District revisit the language in the brochures. GM Doyle talked about the difficulty of connectivity in some remote areas and ways to get access. Director Burgis commented that when hiking with your phone the GPS uses a lot of your battery so it is best to have a downloadable app which only uses GPS when needed. Lane agreed to revisit wording on the brochure and on production of interpretive signs. Carol Johnson, AGM Public Affairs and Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations are working closely with Creative Design and Interpretation staff to create a cleaner protocol in writing and in print. The brochures in Interpretive are going through a complete retrofit. Johnson commented that Creative Design is finalizing a standard style guide. Lane asked if the District has a Skyline Trail brochure. AGM Johnson replied that she will look into it and report back to the Board. Burgis commented that the Interpretive signs should include all users. Rasmussen continued his presentation with a slide depicting the locations of the ADA upgraded drinking fountain, pathway, vault restroom, parking area and picnic table. GM Doyle commented that staff should inform the California Native Plant Society of this project due to the diversity of its rare plants. Rasmussen replied that staff has already made contact with CNPS. GM Doyle commented that staff should put up a notice to let park users know about the park improvements. Rasmussen replied that signs are done and will be put up. Siden and Sutter commended staff on the improvements.

### **3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS**

#### **a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District**

General Manager Robert Doyle discussed those items listed on the staff report.

### **4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

General Manager, Robert Doyle commented on his trip to Washington, D.C. where he was invited to attend the White House Conference on Water Conservation. He acknowledged the great work of the Operations Department and excellent work of Dania Stoneham, Recreation Areas Unit Manager, in navigating the drought. Doyle reported on the conference which covered many topics including the shift in climates. There was discussion on pre-mitigation, thinning forests and the aging infrastructure. Doyle paid respect to staff, Erich Pfoehler and Peter Umhofer, DC Legislative Consultant.

Dan McCormick, Fire Chief introduced Brad Gallup, Fire Captain. Gallup's PowerPoint on the Fuel Management Plan, focused on the ridgelines, the fuel caused by dense stands of eucalyptus and the Diablo winds impacts. Gallup's slides depicted eucalyptus groves from various views and their relation to the trails and people. Director Lane said that one concern is that the District has the money to do this work and what will be done about the debris after the trees are cleared. Gallup replied District staff will return to and do maintenance. Wieskamp asked what is being done about restoration of native species. Gallup answered the trees are thinned out so the natives can receive more light to grow. Wieskamp suggested the District photograph this area so people can understand that the District is not just cutting down trees, but bringing back native species. Sutter asked how areas are selected for initial treatment. Gallup explained the ideal way is to look at the fire hazard and what is being protected. Lately there are FEMA grant commitments that are funded so the District does the work. The fuels plan has identified 3000 acres of high priority areas. GM Doyle added that general fund money is at the Board's discretion, yet grants are specific to an area and have a deadline. Sutter asked if the District is planting, and how will the District prevent areas that cleared from becoming overgrown with broom. Gallup answered that staff has planted in some cases, however native growth is encouraged while nonnatives are treated, favoring natural retention. GM Doyle stated that it is important to recognize the role of Stewardship in working with the Sierra Club and the National Park Service, and the effort to not disturb the land. Sutter asked about the impact of not spending FEMA money. Carol Victor, District Counsel said there is no court order precluding doing work in the FEMA areas however there is a lot of ground work required by the biological opinion. Sutter expressed that this is an important project and complimented staff.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Carol Victor had 3 announcements.

Item BI(a) and (b) The Board authorized settlement by a vote of 7 – 0 of Golden Gate Landholdings v. EBRPD and EBRPD v. Golden Gate Landholdings whereby Golden Gate Landholdings has agreed to donate an easement for the Bay Trail to EBRPD between Gilman and Buchanan Streets and the parties have agreed to go to fact-finding mediation on the value of the 2.88 acre Albany Beach acquisition.

Item B - 2a – By a vote of 7 – 0, the Board denied the claim of Dawn Deardorf.

Item B - 2b – By a vote of 7 – 0, the Board denied the claim of Mark Lindquist

## 6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee (1/27/16) (Waespi)

Director Waespi report mentioned the highlights of 2015 and they were the formation of Community Facility Districts, the Affordable Care Act, Financial Plan Audit memo, and the Internal Audit, as well as review of the Districts investment policy.

## 7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Regional Park Foundation meeting;
- Attended the East Bay EDA Legislative reception;
- Attended Eva Lowe's retirement;
- Had lunch with Dr. Alvarez;
- Held an appreciation breakfast for the Hayward Shoreline staff;
- Attended the Operations committee meeting;
- Attended the Legislative committee meeting;
- Attended the Board workshop;
- Attending the California Trails and Greenways Conference;
- Mentioned Districts 80<sup>th</sup> upcoming anniversary.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended Assemblywoman Catharine Baker meeting;
- Attended Concord Hills Regional Park public meeting;
- Attended the PAC meeting;
- Attended the Bay Nature SF event;
- Attended the Board workshop;
- Attended Sycamore Valley Open Space and the adjacent park;
- Attending the Cultural and Natural Resources committee meeting;
- Experienced the Iron Horse Trail.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Board workshop;
- Attended a number of Bay Trail meetings in Oakland;
- Attended Subcommittee of Measure DD coalition meeting.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Board workshop;
- Attended the Richmond Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the Bay Nature SF event;
- Attended Eva Lowe's retirement;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the Alameda County Special District meeting;
- Met with Hayward Shoreline staff;
- Attended the EB-EDA Legislative Committee meeting;
- Congratulated Barret Lindsey and Stacey Kenney, Public Safety.

Director Burgis reported on meetings attended. Director Burgis

- Attended the Board workshop;
- Announced that Marsh Creek was on Open Roads program;
- Was inducted into the Contra Costa Women's Hall of Fame for protecting the environment;
- Attended EB-EDA awards;
- Attended Congressman Mike Thomas's fundraiser.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Board workshop;
- Attended the LARPD event to honor volunteers and committees;
- Attended Assemblymembers Baker and Glazier meeting;
- Attended Marlin Pounds celebration of Life, LARPD;
- Attended Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce awards;
- Attended the State of the City, Fremont address;
- Toured Round Valley with Chris Lyle;
- Attended Alameda County Special District meeting;
- Attended the Ecology meeting;
- Going to Pleasanton Ridge;
- Going to Mission Peak.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Richmond Liaison committee meeting;
- Attended the Rosie the Riveter presentation;
- Attended the El Cerrito Oversight meeting;
- Attended the Board workshop;
- Walked Dotson Marsh.

#### **D. Workshop to Review District Priorities Discussed During Capitol Hill Meetings**

Erich Pfoehler, Government Affairs Manager and General Manager Doyle met with the Board to discuss District priorities for their upcoming Capitol Hill meetings.

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm by Board President Doug Siden.

Respectfully submitted:  
/s/ Yolande Barial Knight  
Clerk of the Board

